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**Sunday Vigil:** 5:00 pm  
(Saturday)

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& 12:00 Noon

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**Saturday:** 9:00 am Only

**Vigil of Holy Days:** 5:30 pm

**Holy Days:** Please see  
schedule  
inside bulletin.

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**Baptisms:** Twice a month at  
1:30 pm for registered  
parishioners. Instruction for  
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must be made in advance.

**Marriages:** Arrangements  
must be made at least one year  
in advance.

**Care of the Sick:** Please advise us  
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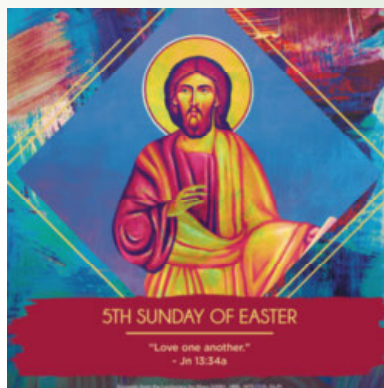
### Reconciliation:

Saturdays at 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Thursdays before First Fridays

at 4:00 - 4:30 pm

Other times by appointment



## WELCOME TO ST. PIUS X

### WE ARE A TITHING PARISH

We extend a warm welcome to all who attend our church. We hope that you find our parish community a place where your life of faith will be nourished. We also hope that you will share your special gifts with the community. Your prayers, your presence, and your talents are most welcome. Please introduce yourself after Mass. May God bless all of you.



ST. PIUS X, MIDDLETOWN

St. Pius Parish Mission Statement:

*We, a community of faith, have come together to respond to God's invitation to become holy by living the Gospel. We strive to do this through our awareness of God's presence, our sense of responsibility to one another, and our response to needs within and beyond the parish of St. Pius X.*

*"Love one another, as I have loved you." (John 13:34)*



**Saturday, May 14**

5:00 PM Dec. Genie Dypa

**Sunday, May 15**

7:30 AM Dec. Louise Schmitt  
 9:00 AM Dec. Pietro Porto  
 10:30 AM Dec. Lyra Bray  
 12:00 NN Dec. Kathy Nenninger & Maryann Nenninger

**Monday, May 16**

7:00 AM Special Intention Emmalee Spear  
 9:00 AM Special Intention Smith Family

**Tuesday, May 17**

7:00 AM Special Intention Rose Santos  
 9:00 AM Living & Deceased Parishioners

**Wednesday, May 18**

7:00 AM Special Intention Angela Fazzino Family  
 9:00 AM Special Intention Cindy Bologna

**Thursday, May 19**

7:00 AM Dec. Fr. Ephrem Karwoski, OFM Cap.  
 9:00 AM Dec. Joan Barron

**Friday, May 20**

7:00 AM Special Intention Anthony Onofreo  
 9:00 AM Capuchin Benefactors

**Saturday, May 21**

9:00 AM Dec. Bill O'Keefe  
 5:00 PM Dec. Rita & Russ Eick

**Sunday, May 22**

7:30 AM Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life from St. Pius Parish  
 9:00 AM Dec. Art Kohs  
 10:30 AM Dec. Helen Ghezzi—20A  
 12:00 NN Dec. Elizabeth Jesudason



The *Altar Flowers and the Bread and Wine* are donated this week by *Christine & Martin Gerndt*.



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in loving memory of *Dennis Lampron, Sr.*



We welcome to our parish family, *Adriana Immaculée Descollines, Lennon Rose Schmidt* and congratulate their happy parents and baptismal sponsors,

**Stewardship Is Our Way Of Life**

*Tithing (Stewardship) is an important way to consecrate ourselves to the Lord. Our gift is made holy because we give thanks and praise to God without strings or conditions.*

Stewardship of Treasure

*All are asked to prayerfully consider tithing and return 10% of our income to the Lord (5% to the parish, 5% to God's other charities) in gratitude. The spiritual practice of tithing disposes us to place God first in every area of our lives!*

*Week 46—May 8*

	<u>2021 - 22</u>	<u>2020 - 21</u>
Actual Sunday Offering	\$8,550.	\$8,495.
Electronic Giving for the Week	\$5,262.	\$5,642.
	\$13,812.	\$14,137.

**"Tithing—Putting God First" - Stewardship**

*"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." (JOHN 13:34)*

*"As I have loved you," this is the hard part – Jesus's love is unconditional; our love usually comes with strings attached. It is easy to love someone when they love you back. But it takes mercy and compassion to love someone when you feel unappreciated, feel used or feel like your opinion doesn't matter. It takes courage and the grace of God to "love my neighbor" when they may be someone you don't like, someone you don't know or someone that doesn't look like you.*

**Stewardship of Time and Talent**

**Spending Time with God in Prayer**

Check out FORMED—The Catholic Faith, On Demand. St. Pius has a subscription. Visit [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup) and select our parish

**Talents in Service to God and Others**

Thinking of ways to use your talents to serve others? Consider Liturgical Ministry! If interested, we are having a Training for Altar Servers at 10 AM on Saturday, May 21 and at 11 AM for Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers..

Readings for the week of May 15, 2022

Sundays: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35  
 Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26  
 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a  
 Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8  
 Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11  
 Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17  
 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 15, 2022

Today's Gospel takes place at the end of the Last Supper. Jesus has given them His Body and Blood. He washed their feet. Judas gets up without waiting and he leaves. He didn't want to wait until the final blessing. He is going to get out of the parking lot early. Don't be Judas.

After foreshadowing the triumph of the Cross Jesus hands down a new commandment: "Love one another." To move past acquaintances, more than doing no harm to love and befriend someone is an awesome grace. It changes everything.

I went to Colby College for my undergraduate degree. It is a small school in the middle of Maine. My first semester was challenging. The academic requirements were so far beyond anything I had faced before. I was stunned to get C's on my first tests and essays. Likewise, I hadn't found my feet yet socially. In October I even talk to my parents that I was thinking about transferring. Things changed. I came home for Thanksgiving.

My parents and sister teased me about being breathless in describing my friends. "Greg has Dad jokes but he is carrying 26 credit hours and acing them all. Jim has a super dry sense of humor, maybe a little sly but hilarious. Paul tells stories about grand attempts and grand failures. Tom is impish and funny, really good student. Laurie is a petite blond with an infectious giggle. Toots is down to earth and she could run an old west saloon." I was nicknamed "Harvey Milquetoast because I always let others order before me at the Pub. To love someone is have the details of their life come alive for us. And we in turn allow people to see our self in a way that they can get a grip on us.

I started getting A's the second semester- some because I figured out the demands and the study patterns required. But having a community of friends made me stronger to do my best freely. I have lived oversea a certain number of times, starting as a child. When it is not your language and culture friendships come more slowly. But when they do they have particular power. Someone who will listen to you when your ideas have to be filtered with and infants vocabulary. It is intimidating. I have had generous souls who thought it was worth waiting for and they were a gift from God. Helping others to be welcomed and befriended is challenging but soaked in God's grace.

I think a parish ought to be a place where Christ new Commandment is practiced. We do alright in not being hostile and not treating new people as interlopers. I have been told that it has been a hallmark of the parish from the beginning. But it can't just stay still. People who were good Christian friends move on. New people arrive. How do we go about getting to know and be known?

I went to church with my father. We would share what we thought of the Mass. It was a honor to share it with him. He also drove me crazy. None of my friends with catholic. He on the other hand talked with everyone, all the time. If I knew how to drive, I would have left him. But he, of course, was right taking the chance to meet people, to waste the time, to not get out of the parking lot quickly because there were a few more stories out there, these are an apostolic grace- that Judas couldn't understand.



### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

*We, the elected and appointed members of St. Pius X Pastoral Council, accept the following responsibilities of our office: to assist the pastor of our parish in promoting the Catholic faith through a variety of educational and spiritual programs; to foster hospitality, charity and unity in our parish; to invite members of the parish to active participation in the ministerial life of the parish; and to represent before the Council the views, concerns and suggestions of the members of our parish. Working together with our pastor and his staff, our aim is to keep the faith community of St. Pius X Parish vibrant and growing.*



This is the Parish Pastoral Council Mission Statement. The Council is a sounding board for the pastor. Many ideas, concerns and problems of the parish are presented and discussed at our meetings. Over the last couple years, some of which included all the issues regarding COVID and how to address Mass attendance (and streaming), welcoming folks back to live Mass, seating and mask restrictions, the UV Air filtering system. Other topics brought up and discussed include building projects, conversations regarding the Tabernacle, and the Diocesan Bankruptcy. The Council has tried to address Evangelizing offering FORMED to all parishioners, the REACH ministry who brought 'thinking of you' boxes to a few our homebound neighbors. The end of the year Parish Picnic, Fall Fundraiser, Raffle and Auction are some of the social topics discussed. We speak about ecology and ways the parish can participate in events that promote peace, justice and safety in our parish and beyond. Please prayerfully consider this essential ministry of our vibrant parish.



### Celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage during the month of May

We invite all couples who have celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage in the Church to bring a small framed wedding photo to display on our church window sills during the month of May. Be sure to put your name on the back and to claim the picture on Memorial Day weekend.



**RECONCILED**  
with God

**First Reconciliation**

Congratulations to all the children who recently received their First Reconciliation for the first time here at St. Pius. Thank you to Kim Molski, and the catechists who prepared them so well for this sacrament: *Alyannah Sonia Abanador, Liam Barnes, Elton Bekej, Lincoln Bitel-Cammarata, Cecilia Butler, Jack Bysiewicz, Giovanni Caccamo, Amelia Charles, Mark Como, Chase Covello, Finneas DiPietro, Aaron Floyd, Liam Hearn, Connor LaBonia, Lucy Lechowicz, Sebastian Levesque, Kayleigh Lewis, Alistair Litewka, Perla Martinez, Nicolas Monarca, Liam Pancione, Emilia Pék, Shavriel Ponnamperruma, Leah Salling, Dakotah-Rose Saltus, Kaden Shukis, Margaret Sylvestre, Emma Turner, Zoë Wisneski, Benjamin Yahwak.*



**The Hidden King: The Jewish Roots of St. Joseph**

Come join us for a study on the hidden roots of St. Joseph, and how he was descended from the Kings of Judah. We will use Brant Pitre's DVD program, which will explore the roots of St. Joseph from the Bible, ancient Jewish and Roman sources, and the living Tradition of the Church. See how Joseph is the earthly shadow of Jesus' Heavenly Father. The study will be 3 sessions held on Tuesday evenings in the Church Hall from 7:00-8:15 on these dates: 5/24, 5/31, 6/7. Please e-mail any questions to Terry Boucher at [tberryn146@aol.com](mailto:tberryn146@aol.com). Please write "St. Pius X Bible Study" in the subject line.

**St. Vincent de Paul's Service Date is May 29th**

We will be preparing 120 servings of food. Items needed: Italian bread, butter, salad greens, cucumbers, tomatoes, and desserts. Volunteer cooks are needed to cook at St. Pius starting at 1:00. Minimum of 6 volunteers will be needed to serve at St. Vincent's and clean up afterwards (sweep, mop, empty garbage, washing their utensils). Servers are asked to be at St. Vincent's at 4:30 to serve at 5:00. Serving lasts until 6 then clean up begins. Please contact Janet Maune by May 25<sup>th</sup> (earlier contact is preferred) if you can help at [maunejanet@gmail.com](mailto:maunejanet@gmail.com) or 860-833-1185.



**Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2022**

**June 27, 2022 – July 1, 2022, 9 AM—Noon**



VBS is back at St. Pius this summer!! VBS is a camp experience with games, crafts, music, stories, snacks and more! Children in preschool through rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders may attend as "campers" while middle and high school youth come as volunteer "camp counselors." VBS is from 9am-noon Monday-Friday. Call (860) 346-9100 with questions or to volunteer. Campers and volunteers can register and sign up now.

**CYFM**



Summer Outreach Week (SOW) CYFM mobilizes middle and high school-age teens, adult volunteers, and Friars to serve our neighbors in need in the Hudson Valley. The program's main site is at St. Joachim's Church in Beacon, NY, and runs from June 27-July 1, 2022(9 am-6 pm). Ministries include working with: children, the elderly and infirmed, the poor, and the homeless. Young people forge new connections, work together for a purpose, inspire and accelerate change in themselves and their communities. Participants can spend a day or two or maximize the benefits of volunteering and join us for the whole week! Registration fees: \$50.00/day or \$225.00/week includes meals, transportation to worksites, and materials. Registration deadline is Monday, May 30, 2022; register today: <https://bit.ly/CYFMSOW2022> CYFM Garrison, PO Box 268, Garrison, NY 10524 (845) 718-0218



**PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED** for the members of our parish who are suffering serious or chronic illness. Please take some time this week to remember them. If you or a member of your family would like the faith community of St. Pius to join you in prayers for special needs, contact the parish office at 860-347-4441. They will be remembered during the Masses that week and then listed in the bulletin for three months. To remain on the list after three months, a follow up call to the friary is necessary. *Melissa, Sloane Baker, Gabby, Emily, Hank H., Lily Vartanian, Helen Goldman, George Mortin, Ellen, Jenny Boutin, R. Inman.*



Please pray for the souls of our faithful departed and remember those whose anniversary of death occurs this week: *Agatha Otfinoski, Elizabeth Voeth, William G. Graham, Sr., Rose Bafuma, Mary Kratchmer, Michael Torbicki, Gregory Surowiecki, Nanetta Hatigan, Amelia Chagnon, Alice Caulfield, Salvatore Russo, George Leary, Craig J. Marquess, Willis Herman, Eugene Terminello, Marion O'Connor, Stephen J. Wisniewski, Shelly Ann Bonewicz-Darley, Diana M. Kokoszka, Adrian Philip Welch, John J. Ranno, J. Francis Britt, Carlos Chafin, Frank Damiata, Thomas J. DeGraff, Dan Nimani, Marie Louise Bent, David F. Post, Pamela Ziemba, Mary Baranoska, Lois Whalen, Elaine Burgess, Thomas Skoglund, Herbert Langille, Caesar P. Pasculano, Blaine Loycano, Raymond Lapointe, Josephine Calnan*



**2022 ACA Update**

As of May 5, 2022, **Saint Pius X Parish, Middletown** has donated \$37,072.01 or 62.91% of its goal, and 10.31% of our parishioners have donated. We are striving for as close to 100% participation as possible. **THERE IS STILL TIME TO DONATE!** Our campaign year ends December 31, 2022. With your donation, our ACA supported ministries do the work of Christ every day. If you have not made your contribution to the 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal, "One Faith, One Family", or would like to make an additional gift, donation envelopes are still available within the church or you can contact the Development Office at (860) 886-1928 or go online to [www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org](http://www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org). **Thank you to everyone for your support!**

**Marriage Encounter Weekend** ~ Worldwide Marriage Encounter is offering a non-residential two-day experience **May 21-22** at St. Patrick Church Hall, East Hampton. This experience will be conducted in accordance with CDC safety protocols including social distancing. For that reason, we will be accepting fewer couples, so it is important that couples register as soon as possible. To apply, contact Frank and Margie Pearson at 860-869-2610 or sign up online at [apply - Worldwide Marriage Encounter \(wwme.org\)](http://apply-WorldwideMarriageEncounter.org) and click on May 21-22, East Hampton, CT Give your spouse the gift of your time and discover the secrets to a lasting, supportive, transformational marriage! There's no group discussion. It's just about the two of you learning to be the best, most loving and thriving couple you can be. Over the course of the experience three couples and a priest provide new tools, using examples from their own lives, to help couples work through common themes of which all married couples can relate. For more information, call Mary-Jo McLaughlin at Catholic Family Services, 860-848-2237, Ext. 312.



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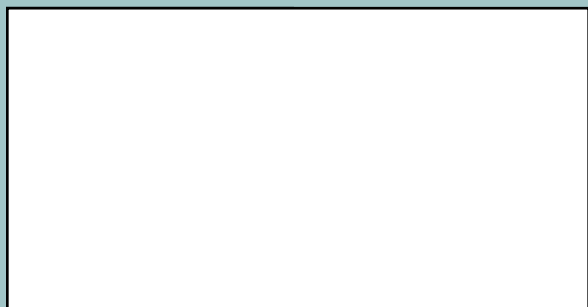



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